MINUTES

OF THE

Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

1913

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator.

J. W. JONES, Clerk and Treasurer,
Marshville, N. C.

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SPRING AND FALL SESSION

1913.

Twenty-Ninth Spring Session, held with the Church at Pleasant Hill, Iredell County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in May, 1913.

Also the Eighty-Second or Fall Session, held with the Church at Lawyers Spring, Anson County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1913.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Pleasant Hill, Iredell County, N. C.,
May 3rd, 1913.

Assembled at the stand at 11 o'clock A. M. Introductory sermon delivered by Elder Henry Taylor. Text Joshua 1st and 2nd. Intermission one hour.

At 1 P. M. the ministers and messengers present convened in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder M. L. Willard.

Then the Association was called to order by Elder Mills.

1. Called for the letters from the several churches which were handed in and read by Brother H. M. Baucom.

2. Re-elected Elder J. F. Mills moderator and J. W. Jones clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters, when one was handed in and read from the newly organized church at High Ridge, asking admittance in the Association, which request was granted and the messengers seated and welcomed by the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

4. Invited messengers from sister associations to seats. Elder C. A. Davis of Salem was present and seated.

5. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations to seats also, when Brothers H. W. Johnson and F. M. Williams of Salem, C. J. Edwards of Mountain District and Jonas Taylor of Spartanburg, were presented and welcomed.

6. Appointed on Committee of Arrangements Brethren H. M. Baucom, Aaron Furr and T. M. Broom with moderator and clerk.

7. Appointed Elders M. L. Willard, C. A. Davis and J. F. Mills to preach at the stand on tomorrow, service to commence at 10 A. M.

8. Adjourned to 9:30 Monday morning. Benediction by the moderator.

While the Association was in session in the house, Elders J. E. Williams and C. A. Davis preached at the stand.

SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 4.

Assembled at the stand at 10 A. M. Service introduced with praise and prayer. Then Elder J. F. Mills preached from St. Luke 2:11, followed by Elder M. L. Willard from Romans 4 and 1 to 5. Intermission one hour.

Then Elder C. A. Davis preached from Isaiah 43 and 7, and closed by Elder H. M. Williams.

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 5.

Convened in the house at 9:30 pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder C. A. Davis.

9. Called on Committee of Arrangements to report. Report read and adopted.

10. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Elder C. A. Davis reported that the Salem Association is in peace.

11. Called on corresponding messengers to sister associations to report. Elder Mills reported that he attended the Mill Branch Association, found them in peace and had good meeting. Received and distributed corresponding minutes from Salem, Abbott's Creek, Silver Creek and Mountain District, also Mill Branch.

12. Called on Presbyteries to report. The moderator, Elder Mills, reported that himself with Elders W. T. Broadway and H. M. Williams formed a presbytery at High Ridge meeting house in Union County, N. C., on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in April, 1913, and then and there organized a Primitive Baptist Church.

13. That we return thanks to God and this church and people of the vicinity for hospitality during this meeting.

14. Adjourned to time and place mentioned in last minute. Benediction by the moderator.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator.
J. W. JONES, Clerk.

Monday while the session was held in the house, there was preaching at the stand, first by Elder J. E. Williams. Text, St. John 7 and 37. Then by Elder C. A. Davis. Text Hebrews 8 and 1st, and closed by Elder M. L. Willard in a short but impressive sermon.

This was a good meeting.

MESSENGERS, SPRING SESSION, 1913.

Albemarle—W. H. Hinson*, I. Furr*, David Howard*.

Bear Creek—Elder J. E. Williams, Aaron Furr, W. P. Bowers.

Bethany—By Letter.

Broom's Grove—T. M. Broom, Elder H. M. Williams, J. P. Huneycutt.

Concord—D. S. Blake*, J. D. Carricker*, Elder W. R. Helms.

Clark's Grove—S. B. Tucker*, J. L. Helms, J. F. Howell*.
Crooked Creek—J. M. Austin, W. D. Benton, L. L. Little*.
Freedom—Not represented.
High Hill—J. J. Hill, S. A. Helms*, J. J. Williams.
Howard's Chapel—P. A. Howard, R. B. Burrus, J. A. Hinson*.
High Ridge—S. Edwards, J. P. Rushing, E. L. Griffin*.
Jerusalem—T. F. Mills, E. W. Helms, W. A. Helms.
Jones Hill—J. F. Curlee, A. A. Morton, Henry Howard.
Liberty—Elder H. Taylor, D. S. Jones*, S. D. Outen*.
Liberty Hill—R. T. Burrus, C. W. Safley*, W. H. Hinson*.
Lawyers Spring—J. W. Jones, H. M. Baucom, C. B. Edwards.
Meadow Creek—D. M. Hathcock, J. A. Barbee*, H. Shoe*.
Mountain Creek—Elder B. L. Treece*, J. E. Russell*, J. S. Miller*.
New Zion—S. M. Underwood*, James Broom*.
Pleasant Hill—Sam Rimmer, J. S. Norris, J. M. Hartsell.
Pleasant Grove—Elder J. F. Mills, J. A. Jones*, T. A. Helms*.
Running Creek—W. M. Alman, J. H. McClure, G. M. Tucker*.
Union Grove—J. T. Price, T. F. Hill.
Watson—S. L. Mullis*, Joel Mullis*, E. C. Williams*.
Wadesboro—W. A. Dry*, W. D. Edwards*.
Absentees marked thus, *.

FALL SESSION.

Lawyers Spring, Anson County, N. C.
October 4th, 1913.

Introductory sermon preached by Elder J. E. Williams. Text, St. John 7 and 16. Intermission fifty minutes, then assembled in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder J. E. Adams. Then proceeded to business, Elder Mills presiding.

1. Called for the letters from the several churches. They were handed in and read by Bro. H. M. Baucom.

2. Re-elected Elder J. F. Mills moderator and J. W. Jones clerk.

3. Invited corresponding messengers from sister associations to seats. Present and seated were the following: From Abbott's Creek, Elders W. T. Broadway, Samuel McMillon and Brother Solomon Snyder. From Salem, Elder

C. A. Davis. From Silver Creek, Brothers J. R. Moore and Foster Beam.

4. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations to seats also. Brother J. W. Brown was present from Mill Branch. Also Elder J. F. Farmer of Wilson, N. C., and Elder J. E. Adams.

5. Appointed a committee to arrange business for Monday as follows: Elder J. E. Williams and Brethren Aaron Furr and W. H. Hinson with moderator and clerk.

6. Appointed on Finance Committee Brethren S. A. Helms and D. M. Hathcock.

7. Appointed Elders J. E. Adams, Samuel McMillon, J. F. Farmer and C. A. Davis to preach at the stand Sunday, service at 10 o'clock A. M.

8. Adjourned to 10 A. M. Monday. Benediction by the moderator.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT THE STAND.

Peaching by Elder J. F. Farmer. Text, "Confer not with flesh and blood," etc., followed by Elder Samuel McMillon. Text, "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price."

SUNDAY SERVICES, OCTOBER 5.

Service opened at the stand with praise and prayer by Elder Henry Taylor. Then Elder J. E. Adams preached from 1st Cor. 1:18, followed by Elder Samuel McMillon, from these words, "If God be for us who can be against us." Intermission one hour. Then preaching by Elder J. F. Farmer from this Scripture: "All things work together for good to them who are called according to His purpose," followed and closed by Elder C. A. Davis from Isaiah 40:6.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 6.

Reconvened pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder C. A. Davis.

9. Called on arrangement committee to report. Report read and adopted.

10. Called names of messengers and noted absentees. (Suspend reading Rules.)

11. Called corresponding messengers to sister associations to report. All failed to attend but were excused.

12. Called on corresponding messengers from sister as-

sociations to report. Bro. J. R. Moore reported from Silver Creek and that they are in peace. Elder W. T. Broadaway reported from Abbott's Creek and that they also are in peace. Received minutes from Center and Silver Creek.

13. Appointed correspondence with sister associations as follows:

To Mill Branch—Elders J. F. Mills, W. C. Edwards, Bro. S. Edwards, and file of minutes.

To Abbott's Creek—Elders J. E. Williams, J. F. Mills, W. R. Helms and Brothers P. A. Howard, W. A. Helms, and minutes.

To Salem—Elder W. R. Helms, Bro. P. A. Howard, and file of minutes.

To Mountain District file of minutes.

To Silver Creek—Elders J. E. Williams, W. R. Helms, and file of minutes.

To Center file of minutes.

14. Called on Presbyteries to report. Elder H. M. Williams reported that himself and Elder W. T. Broadway formed a presbytery at New Zion Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in August, 1913, and ordained Bro. W. M. Coley a deacon.

15. Treasurer reported on hand from last year $15.00

16. Finance Committee reports sent up for minute and associational purposes this year_____$32.60

Total moneys, $47.60

17. That the next Spring Session of this Association be held with the church at Freedom, Stanly County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in May, 1914. Elder J. E. Williams to preach the introductory sermon. Elder Henry Taylor alternate. The Fall or Annual Session to convene with the church at High Ridge, Union County, N. C., to commence on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1914. Elder J. F. Mills to preach the introductory sermon. Elder B. L. Treece his alternate.

18. That the clerk have the notices of these meetings published in The Landmark and Primitive Baptist.

19. That the clerk have 800 copies of these minutes printed. Distribute as usual and that we allow him same amount as last year for services.

20. Donated $1.50 each to visiting and our own minis-

ters present out of associational fund. The clerk and treasurer turned said amounts over to thirteen ministers.

21. That we return thanks to God, this church and friends of vicinity for favor and hospitality during this meeting.

22. A majority of the churches voted not to divide this Association.

23. Adjourned to times and places above mentioned. Benediction by the moderator.

(While in session in the house preaching service conducted at the stand by Elders O. J. Denny and B. L. Treece.)

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator.
J. W. JONES, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE—FALL SESSION.

CHURCHES AND NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Experience and Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution for Minutes
Albemarle—W. H. Hinson, I. M. Furr, David Howard*						1	32	$ .50
Bear Creek—Elder J. E. Williams, J. A. Barbee, Aaron Furr						1	32	1.65
Bethany—By Letter							3	1.00
Broom's Grove—T. M. Broom, Eld. H. M. Williams, E. S. Huneycutt*	1			3	2		13	1.00
Concord—Elder W. R. Helms, J. D. Carricker*				2			12	1.00
Clark's Grove—S. B. Tucker, J. L. Helms*, E. Barbee							21	1.05
Crooked Creek—J. M. Austin, W. D. Benton, L. L. Little						1	28	1.50
Freedom—A. J. Dees						1	5	.75
High Hill—J. J. Hill, C. T. Mills*, S. A. Helms						1	41	1.50
Howard's Chapel—P. A. Howard, Henry Carpenter*, R. B. Burrus	3					2	30	1.50
High Ridge—Elder W. C. Edwards, S. Edwards, J. P. Rushing	3	3					15	1.00
Jerusalem—W. A. Helms, T. F. Mills, E. W. Helms	1					1	15	1.50
Jones' Hill—Henry Howard, J. S. Little*, A. A. Morton	1			1			31	1.50
Liberty—Elder H. Taylor, S. D. Outen, D. S. Jones				1		1	23	1.35
Liberty Hill—C. W. Safley, R. T. Burrus, W. H. Huneycutt*				1		1	23	1.35
Lawyer's Spring—C. P. Griffin, Thos. Tyson, E. W. German	1			7			25	2.00
Meadow Creek—E. Huneycutt*, D. M. Hathcock, H. Shoe	2	3		1	2		26	1.50
Mountain Creek—Elder B. L. Treece, J. C. Miller*, J. E. Russell	2						17	1.25
New Zion—S. M. Underwood, W. M. Coley*							8	1.00
Pleasant Hill—H. P. Cashion*, Sam, Rimner							20	2.00
Pleasant Grove—Elder J. F. Mills, T. A. Helms, J. S. Thomas				3			9	1.50
Running Creek—G. M. Tucker*, J. H. McClure, J. W. Lambert	2						9	1.50
Union Grove—T. A. McClellan, T. F. Hill, I. N. Medlin							26	1.50
Watson—S. L. Mullis, E. C. Williams, Joel Mullis			1				19	1.50
Wadesboro—W. D. Edwards, W. A. Dry							8	1.00
Absentees marked thus, *.								$32.60

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Or Constitution of the Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association, which was Adopted in the Date of A. D. 1832, and has been in Vogue Ever Since.

1st. The Association shall be composed of members duly chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association, who producing letters from their respective churches certifying to their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2nd. In the letters from the different churches, shall be expressed their members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, excommunicated, restored and dead since the last Association.

3rd. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Bear Creek Association, who shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor have any ecclesiastical power to infringe on the internal rights of the church, nevertheless in some cases, it becomes necessary to have some uniform rule of proceeding, viz.: when an offense may be committed by one church against another, we advise the church so offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction, and if she fails of success, she may call in the aid of two or more churches in the union to assist in the labors, and if finally, satisfaction in the opinion of the helps cannot be obtained, then the aggrieved church may bring the case before the Association, whose duty it shall be to act on it; and also, when any serious difference may arise, in any individual church, which they all, after due labor had, cannot reconcile, we advise the church then to call in the aid of two or more churches in the union to asist in the work; and, if no satisfaction can be had, it may be brought before the Association, who shall act on it, and to further illustrate the mode of proceeding in the above cases, reference shall be had in the 18th chapter of the Gospel by Matthew and other Scripture, which respect discipline for the bringing to trial, and determining on the case of an individual member in an individual church, and the Association will take cognizance of no case of the kind unless the above proceeding be had thereon.

4th. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper Decorum, which they are authorized to form for themselves.

5th. The Association shall appoint a Chief Speaker, or Moderator, from among themselves for the time being, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum shall be attended to, take the opinion of the Association on all questions properly brought before them; and a Clerk shall be appointed by the Association, whose duty it shall be to take a correct minute of the proceedings of the Association, keep a regular file of the minutes, who shall be at liberty to choose his assistant.

6th. New churches may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and delegate or delegates on examination, if found orthodox and orderly may be received and may be manifested by the Chief Speaker or Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the delegate or delegates.

7th. Every church or delegate shall be entitled to representation in the Association, but shall not have more than three members from a church.

8th. Any query presented to the Association by any church in the union shall be read, on which the sense of the Association shall be taken, whether it be considered, and if there be a majority for taking it into consideration it shall be examined, otherwise it shall be withdrawn, nevertheless no query except such as relate to the general union shall be received from any church which has not been deliberately considered in the church in which it originated and which they cannot get satisfaction.

9th. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it be withdrawn by the person who made it together with his second.

10th. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the proceedings, and in order to enable them to do it in the most convenient manner it is recommended that the churches should contribute such sums of money as they think proper and send by their messengers, which, when received, shall be put into the hands of the Treasurer appointed for that purpose, and shall be distributed as the Association may direct for the benefit of the churches.

11th. Presbyteries for the purpose of constituting churches, or acting in conjunction with the churches, in ordaining ministers or restoring those whose gifts have been suspended by excommunication to their former function,

shall be composed of two or more ministers in the union.

12th. The Association shall provide for the general union of the churches, preserve the chain of communication among them, give them advice in matters of difficulties, enquire into the cause why any churches fail to represent themselves in the Association, appropriate the money sent by the churches for Associational fund to any purpose they may think proper or necessary for the benefit of the churches, and appoint any member or members of the Association with his or their consent to transact any business for the benefit of the union which they think proper.

13th. The Asociation may withdraw from any church or churches that are disorderly in principle or practice.

14th. The Association may, at its sitting, admit any distant brethren, whose principles accord with theirs, to sit with them, who shall be at liberty to discourse upon any question, and give his light, but not permitted to vote except touching the general union.

15th. All questions should be determined by a majority of members present, except in the reception of churches which should be unanimous.

16th. Two-thirds of the members form a quorum to do business.

17th. Amendments may be made to this form of government and to this constitution—a majority of the members being present.

18th. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Chief Speaker and Clerk.

19th. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they may think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2 We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the only perfect rule of faith and practice for

God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose His church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, their federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the ressurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. A moderator, or chief speaker, and clerk may be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

2. The chief speaker, or moderator, shall take his seat at the hour to which the Association shall be adjourned, and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as that of another; provided he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the Association be equally divided.

3. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the chief speaker by the appellation of brother, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question, and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry and criticism.

4. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the Association.

5. No person shall absent himself from the Asociation without leave.

6. No member of the Association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7. The chief speaker or moderator shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking until his speech is finished, except he break the Rules of Decorum.

8. The names of all the members of this Association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and be called over as often as the Association may require.

9. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of the Association shall be reproved by the Association in any way they may think proper.

FALL SESSION, 1913.

Church Clerks and Their Addresses.

Albemarle—W. H. Hinson, Albemarle, N. C.
Bear Creek—Aaron Furr, Bloomington, N. C.
Bethany—Miss Jane P. Jones, Route 2, Wadesboro, N. C.
Broom's Grove—J. P. Huneycutt, Monroe, N. C.
Concord—D. S. Blake, Concord, N. C.
Clark's Grove—J. L. Helms, Locust Level, N. C.
Crooked Creek—H. E. Rowell, R. 2, Indian Trail, N. C.
Freedom—A. J. Deese, Whitley, N. C.
High Ridge—J. P. Rushing, Route 2, Marshville, N. C.
High Hill—S. A. Helms, Monroe, N. C.
Howard's Chapel—P. A. Howard, R. 1, Norwood, N. C.
Jerusalem—J. W. Godwin, Route 2, Marshville, N. C.
Jones' Hill—J. S. Little, Big Lick, N. C.
Liberty—Oscar Broom, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.

Liberty Hill—C. W. Safly, Bridgeport, N. C.
Lawyers Spring—J. W. Jones, Marshville, N. C.
Meadow Creek—D. M. Hathcock, Locust Level, N. C.
Mountain Creek—J. E. Russell, R. 2, Albemarle, N. C.
New Zion—S. M. Underwood, Route 7, Concord, N. C.
Pleasant Hill—H. P. Cashion, Route 2, Barber, N. C.
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Helms, Marshville, N. C.
Running Creek—G. M. Tucker, Route 1, Mount Pleasant, N. C.
Union Grove—I. N. Medlin, Monroe, N. C.
Watson—S. L. Mullis, Route —, Monroe, N. C.
Wadesboro—W. D. Edwards, Polkton, N. C.

COMMUNION MEETINGS.

Albemarle—Third Sunday in September.
Bear Creek—First Sunday in August.
Bethany—Third Sunday in August.
Broom's Grove—Fourth Sunday in September.
Concord—Third Sunday in June.
Clark's Grove—Second Sunday in July.
Crooked Creek—Third Sunday in July.
Freedom—Fourth Sunday in September.
High Hill—First Sunday in September.
High Ridge—Third Sunday in July.
Howard's Chapel—Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September.
Jerusalem—Second Sunday in August.
Jones' Hill—Third Sunday in September.
Liberty—Fourth Sunday in July.
Liberty Hill—Fourth Sunday in July.
Lawyers Spring—First Sunday in August.
Meadow Creek—Third Sunday in August.
Mountain Creek—Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in September.
New Zion—Second Sunday in September.
Pleasant Hill—Fourth Sunday in June.
Pleasant Grove—Second Sunday in July.
Running Creek—Second Sunday in August.
Union Grove—Second Sunday in September.
Watson—Fourth Sunday in May.
Wadesboro—Not settled upon.

ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Elder, J. F. Mills, Marshville, N. C.
Elder, J. E. Williams, Bloomington, N. C.
Elder W. R. Helms, Mooresville, N. C.
Elder H. M. Williams, Indian Trail, N. C.
Elder Walter Edwards, Wingate, N. C.
Elder Henry Taylor, Monroe, N. C.
Elder B. L. Treece, Albemarle, N. C.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1913.

Left over from last year		$15.00
Sent up by churches this year		32.60
Total		$47.60
Given to ministers		19.50
Remainder		$28.10
For printing minutes	$15.00	
Allowed to clerk	$ 8.00	
Expenses	$23.00	$23.00
Left in clerk's hands		$ 5.10